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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Presently, claims 1-130 stand rejected based on the combination of U.S. Patent Application 2004/0088737 ("Donlan") and U.S. Patent Application 2004/0261116 ("McKeown").

Applicant thanks the Examiner for agreeing to conduct a telephonic interview, and Applicant has submitted an Interview Summary in conjunction with this response.

In the previous Office Action, the Examiner rejected all claims based in part that the combination of Donlan and McKeown allegedly discloses transmitting a host-specific message to a host, wherein the host-specific message is based on a host file. The Examiner has stated that since Donlan discloses "subscriber address" information which is used to communicate with a specific host, that any messages are therefore "host-specific."

Applicant's invention pertains to, in part, transmitting configuration messages to a host using a host file to derive said configuration message, wherein the host file contains host-specific protocol information. For example, the host file comprises host-specific configuration commands used to derive the host-specific provisioning message. Thus, simply knowing the address of the host is not sufficient for generating the host-specific configuration message - the protocol (syntax and/or semantics) used is to communicate with the host is specific to that host. Further information can be found in the specification, including starting at paragraph 252 onwards.

DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENTS

In an attempt to obtain an allowance of all claims and bring prosecution of the application to a close, Applicant has amended the claims, in part, to indicate that the configuration message sent to a host is derived from a host file, which contains protocol related information specific to a host. This allows the processor to generate a "host-specific protocol" configuration message or provisioning message.

A summary of the amendments is provided below.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the host file "comprises a protocol file containing host-specific configuration commands used by the processor for deriving the host-

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specific provisioning message." Support for this, as well as the subsequent amendments, can be found in paragraph 265, *inter alia* in the specification.

Independent claim 22 is amended to recite that a "host-specific configuration" message is transmitted to the host, and the host file "comprises a protocol file containing host-specific configuration commands used by the processor to derive the host-specific configuration message." Dependent claims 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37, 39, 39, 41, and 42 have been amended as well. Many of the amendments pertain to replacing "provisioning" with "host-specific configuration" message. Other amendments are made for consistency with the amended independent claim, or to better state aspects of the invention.

Independent claim 45 is amended to recite that the host specific configuration message is a "host-specific protocol configuration message", reflecting that the messages are specific to a host based on the protocol for that host. Similar amendments are made to dependent claim 46 for consistency.

Independent claim 55 originally recited a "host protocol file" as opposed to "host file". The claim is amended to recite that the "host protocol file" is used to produce the "host-specific protocol configuration message." An amendment to maintain consistency, namely by referencing a "host-specific protocol configuration message" is made to dependent claim 56.

Independent claim 60 is amended to also recite the host file comprises "a least on host-specific protocol configuration message." Amendments are made to consistently refer to that limitation in dependent claims 63 and 69. Dependent claims 70 and 74 is amended to correct reference to the limitation (e.g., "host file", not "host protocol file").

Independent claim 78 is amended to recite that the host file "comprises host-specific protocol configuration messages for communicating with the host." Dependent claim 81 is amended accordingly.

Independent claim 87 is amended to recite that the host file "wherein each host file comprises a protocol file containing host-specific configuration commands used by the processor to derive the host-specific protocol configuration message." A corresponding amendment is made to claim 88 reflecting consist reference to the "host-specific protocol configuration message" limitation.

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Independent claim 90 is similar amended to recite that the host file "comprises a protocol file containing host-specific configuration commands used by the processor to derive the host-specific protocol configuration message." Further, dependent claim 93 is amended to better state the invention. Dependent claims 94-99 are amended to reflect consistent usage of "host-specific protocol configuration message."

Independent claims 106 and 113 are similarly amended to recite that the host file "further comprises a protocol file containing host-specific configuration command used by the processor to derive a configuration message." Dependent claim 114 is amended to consistently refer to the "host-specific protocol messages."

Independent claim 118 is also amended to recite that the host file "comprises a protocol file comprising host-specific configuration commands used by the enhanced services server for deriving the host-specific protocol provisioning message." Dependent claims 124-128 are amended to reflect that consistent reference to the "host-specific protocol provisioning message."

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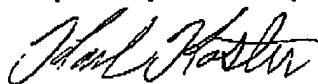
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SUMMARY/CONCLUSION

Applicant has amended the claims to reflect one embodiment of the invention, namely that the host file comprises protocol information for deriving a host-specific protocol message that can be transmitted to the host for configuration or provisioning. Applicant respectfully submits that this amendment traverses the rejection of the combination of the Donlan and McKeown references, and places the claims in a condition of allowance.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

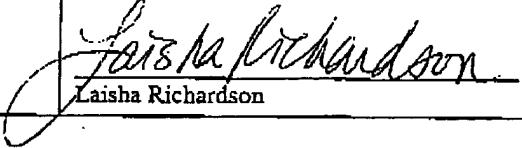


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